

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1420

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EAIR, UR  
SUBJECT: TU-144 TYPE CERTIFICATION

REF: (A) STATE 193720, (B) STATE 175093

1. E/C COUNSELOR TOOK UP WITH GRIGORY MIRZOYAN, DEPUTY CHIEF OF FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT OF USSR MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION, NON-RESPONSE BY MINISTRY TO OUR JULY 29 LETTER CONCERNING TYPE CERTIFICATION OF TU-144. MIRZOYAN, AFTER CONSIDERABLE QUESTIONING AS TO REASON FOR THE INQUIRY, PROMISED RATHER GRUDGINGLY THAT AN "ANSWER" WOULD BE COMING, BUT HE INDICATED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE VERY INFORMATIVE. MIRZYOYAN SAID THAT HAD USSR INDICATED AN INTEREST IN FLYING TU-144 TO US, THE QUESTION BY THE FAA WOULD BE INTELLIGIBLE, BUT IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH AN INTENT, IT IS NOT.

2. COMMENT: WE ASSUME THAT LONG DELAY AND UNPROMISING ORAL RESPONSE STEM FROM SOVIET SUSPICION THAT THIS QUESTION ABOUT TU-144 REFLECTS AN INTELLIGENCE RATHER THAN ANY COMMERCIAL INTEREST ON THE PART OF USG. SOVIETS ARE ALSO RATHER SENSITIVE ABOUT PERFORMANCE OF TU-144 TO DATE. WHILE MIRZOYAN RAISED SUBJECT OF CURRENT STATUS OF CONCORDE FLIGHTS TO NEW YORK, HE ONLY LAUGHED SOMEWHAT DERISIVELY AT COY QUESTION AS TO WHEN WE MIGHT EXPECT

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TO SEE TU-144 LANDING THERE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: CAN DEPARTMENT GIVE US MORE IN THE WAY OF BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THIS QUERY? OUR CHANCES OF GETTING ANY POSITIVE SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE WOULD BE MUCH GREATER IF WE COULD PASS THIS ON TO THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION.

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